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CONFERENCE DEADLINE DRAWS NEAR

The deadline for registering for the Rehabilitation Gazette's Third International Polio and Independent Living Conference is May 1, 1985.

The Conference, which convenes at the Sheraton Hotel, St. Louis, MO, May 10, 11, and 12, is a terrific opportunity to meet with many polio survivors, doctors, and others from around the world to discuss our common problems and their solutions.

Those representing Nebraska so far are Bill and Nancy Carter, Marlene Orton, Terry Connelly, Marcia Bredar, and Charline Mann, all of the Omaha group.

There is still time to register. Write G.I.N.I., 4502 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 68108 or call (314) 361-0475 for more information.

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TO GLEAN: To gather facts etc. in small amounts or from places widely scattered by searching here & there.*

*Webster



GEORGIA HALL, WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA

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SPOTLIGHT: ENCOUNTER WITH A PRESIDENT

Meeting the President of the United States would be exciting for anyone, but for 13-year-old Charline Mann, at Warm Springs, Georgia, in 1937 for a year of treatment following a bout with polio, shaking hands with Franklin Delano Roosevelt was one of the highlights of her life.

Charline remembers being moved from her dorm to make room for the president's entourage. "They literally piled our belongings on top of us in our beds and pushed us on down the sidewalk. It was like a rolling moving van," she says. "It was quite a parade."

Roosevelt ate Thanksgiving dinner with the patients in Georgia Hall and then shook hands with everyone before retiring to the Little White House nearby.

Charline, now a lawyer with Mutual of Omaha and a member of the Omaha P.U.R.E. group, recalls her surprise at seeing how severely handicapped Roosevelt was. "I had only seen him in newsreels," she says. "There was no TV, and his handicap wasn't really that evident. He wore two full-leg braces and was propped up against the door jamb to shake hands. His arms

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TWO REPRESENTATIVES
HEAD GRAND ISLAND GROUP

Nancy Murry and Kathleen Buechler are organizing a post-polio support group for the Grand Island area. Regular meetings will be held, with an emphasis on learning to cope with post-polio problems.

Persons interested in knowing about the P.U. R.E. group's activities should call Nancy at 382-1306 or Kathleen at 382-8920 or write Kathleen at 2512 West Lamar, Grand Island 68801.

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HANDICAPPED PLATES AND
CARDS MORE OBTAINABLE

Handicapped license plates and permit cards are now available in Nebraska to a larger group of individuals.

In addition to paraplegics, visually handicapped persons and permanently disabled persons for whom walking is "impractical, impossible, extremely painful, and generally detrimental" to their health can now acquire the designations.

For plates, contact Registration Division, Dept. of Motor Vehicles, 301 Centennial Mall So., P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln 68509, or call (402) 471-3910 for application forms and further details. Contact your local city clerk for permit cards, which are issued to the person (not the vehicle) and thus can be moved from car to car.

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AGENCIES EASE TRAVEL
FOR HANDICAPPED

It's Spring, when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of ...travel. And what better time to firm up vacation plans?

FLYING WHEEL TRAVEL is an agency dealing exclusively with the handicapped. Owner Judd Jacobsen, a quadriplegic, has booked domestic and international tours for the disabled for 15 years. Groups are limited to 15-20 persons with a medical escort provided. Independent travel arrangements are also made, based on traveler's needs, budget, and restrictions. Whenever possible, accommodations are researched for accessibility. For free booklet write them at 143 W. Bridge St., Box 382, Owatonna, MN 55060 or call toll-free 1-800-533-0363.

Other agencies specializing in handicapped travel: EVERGREEN TRAVEL SERVICE, 19505 L--44th Ave. West, Lynwood, WA 98036 (206) 776-1184
CAN WEE TRAVEL, 553 Broadway, Massapequa, NY 11758 (516) 798-7171

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VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH:

Marcia Bredar
Carol Feather
Cindy Haag
Florence & Drew Maxwell
Chip Mackenzie
Marlene Orton

By giving their time, they have helped us all!

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REGISTRY RELOCATION
RESULTS IN DELAY

The Roosevelt Warm Springs Foundation has taken over sponsorship of the national registry of polio survivors.

The Foundation, whose president is James Roosevelt, son of the late president who founded the polio clinic in Warm Springs, is located in Atlanta, Georgia.

An overwhelming number of responses necessitated the move from the Warm Springs facility and has resulted in a delay in processing. Names already sent in for the registry will be entered shortly and information mailed to those on the list.

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LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE
1-800-742-7456

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BRACE WORK AVAILABLE
AT WARM SPRINGS CLINIC

Officials at Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation say that appointments for brace work only are now being accepted. Polios can register on an outpatient basis, and inexpensive on-campus housing is available.

The polio clinic is also in operation for those wanting a more complete evaluation. For details write Admissions Office, P.O. Box 1000, Warm Springs, GA 31830 or call (404) 655-3321.

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HATS OFF TO...

WESTROADS in Omaha, where wheelchairs are furnished for handicapped shoppers. Go to the information desk at the foot of the escalators in the rotunda. You will need a driver's license or credit card for collateral.

Omaha area STANDARD (AM-OCO) DEALERS, who now offer full service at self-service price for any handicapped person with a handicapped card, license plate, or sticker. This service, for those who cannot pump their own gas, is available at 13746 Q, 8985 L, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA REPRESENTATIVE NAMED

JoAnn Kalina has been named P.U.R.E. representative for Falls City and the surrounding area. She is currently organizing a support group which will meet at Midland Villa Nursing Home. Interested persons can reach her at 1805 Huber Road, Falls City 68355 or (402) 245-5106.

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Continued from page 1-- and shoulders were muscular, but he seemed paralyzed from the waist down. It was a great struggle for him to get out of his chair.

"We all clustered outside of Georgia Hall and watched as he was driven through the circle drive in his convertible," says Charline. "It was fun."

90th & W. Center, 123rd & W. Center, 11955 Pacific, 142nd & Pacific, 30th & Dodge, 50th & Dodge, 81st & Dodge, 72nd & Grover, 445 N. 114th, 60th & Redick, 7505 N. 30th, 30th & Martin, 108th & M, and at other stations displaying the handicapped symbol.

Hastings' IMPERIAL MALL, who assist the handicapped by providing wheelchairs for shoppers, and have lowered drinking fountains and widened doorways for easier access.

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IRS HOTLINE
1-800-424-1040
HANDICAPPED HOTLINE
1-800-742-7594

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POST-POLIO CONFERENCE NOTES NOW AVAILABLE

Proceedings from the post-polio conference held in New York last October are now available. Included are statements from doctors Lauro Halstead, Richard Bruno, Augusta Alba and others.

This material deals directly with the problems many of us now face, and adds to information already mailed out to Nebraska post-polios.

Send self-addressed, stamped 9½" envelope to Post-Polio Proceedings, P.O. Box 37139, Omaha, NE 68137.

SUPPORT GROUP LEADERS NEEDED IN NEBRASKA

P.U.R.E. is seeking the names of people to help lead support groups in Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte, and Scottsbluff. These local representatives would establish regular group meetings and maintain programs of support and information for post-polios in these Nebraska areas.

Interested persons should contact Nancy Carter, P.O. Box 37139, Omaha, NE 68137 (402) 895-2475.

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CAN YOU TOP THIS?

Omaha member Corliss Cornell and husband Orville will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary June 1.

Love first blossomed for the two when Corliss, a senior working in the Ashland High School's cafeteria, spotted Orville working nearby as a carpenter and encouraged him to drop in for sweets.

Since Mama wanted Corliss (who had polio at age 2) to attend business college, plans to elope developed. One day soon after graduation, Orville, an "older man" of 23, whisked Corliss off in his new Model T, and the two were married.

It turned out that Mama liked him anyway, and, says Corliss, "We've just had a wonderful, marvelous life together."

